

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 7, line 4 and ending at page 8, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In a conventional electronic still camera having both optical and electronic zoom functions, irradiation-angle control of the electronic flash 410 is performed solely in operative association with the focal length information of the optical zoom. Therefore, as shown in FIG. 7, in the zoom area from the wide-angle limit to the telephoto limit of the optical zoom (this area shall be referred to as an "optical zoom zone" below), the irradiation angle of the electronic flash 410 is controlled appropriately with regard to the change in zoom position, whereby a suitable light emission is achieved without waste with regard to the view angle of the displayed image. However, after the optical zoom zone is surpassed and a transition is made to a zoom area (referred to as an "electronic zoom zone" below) in which the view-angle scaling ratio is changed by the electronic zoom function, the irradiation angle of the electronic flash 410 is left unchanged at the irradiation angle corresponding to the telephoto limit of the optical zoom and light is projected into an area broader than the view angle of the displayed image obtained by the ~~leetronie~~ electronic zoom. As a consequence, a wasteful light emission is produced. When a light emission is made in the electronic zoom zone, therefore, a problem which arises is that the charging voltage of the electronic flash 410 is wasted.